

The Board of Commissioners met in an open and public meeting at 3:00 PM, July 29, 2024, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

A notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, July 27, 2024, and proof of publication is on record. Copies of the agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk’s office and were submitted to each of the Commissioners on July 26, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ken Meyer, Mark Harris, Russ Reisig, Mike Blue. Absent: Charlie Knapper.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion: Blue. Second: Harris. Approve agenda as presented. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Knapper.

Kim Johns, Scotts Bluff County resident and Tourism Committee Member addressed the Board.

Knapper arrived at 3:13 PM.

Commissioner Knapper gave a Tourism Update/Huddle Up Playbook presentation and discussion was held regarding the creation of sports commission. No action taken.

Recess at 4:51 PM.

Return at 4:59 PM.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Enter Board of Equalization at 4:59 PM. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve over/under of valuation due to clerical error as presented by Robert Simpson, Assessor. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 5:02 PM. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve awarding of bid for Scotts Bluff County Audit 2024-2028 (Option #2) to Dana Cole & Co. as presented by Lisa Rien, Management Accountant. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Food Services Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for Scotts Bluff County Detention Center as recommended by Sheriff Mark Overman. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Discussion was held regarding the Health Department. Curt Richter, Transit Manager, informed the Board he was in search of storage for vehicles. Vice-Chairman Harris informed the Board that Phil Kelly, Attorney-at-Law and Bill Mabin, Building and Zoning Director were working on solar information. Commissioner Knapper gave an update regarding LB35 to increase the nameplate capacity. Vice-Chairman Harris reminded the Board that a post-protest hearing meeting needed to be held. Lisa Rien, Management Accountant requested the Board’s input on beginning the budget discussion with department heads.

Commissioner Reisig was excused at 6:16 PM.

Reginald Preston, Scotts Bluff County resident, addressed the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ken Meyer

Mark Harris

Russ Reisig

ATTEST:

Mike Blue

Kelly Sides, County Clerk

Charlie Knapper